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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the latter months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 : STATES

State	Benefits paid during April, 1948				Benefits paid during ten months ended April 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a)	2,333	23,268	1,206	26,807	56,295	258,728	8,308	323,331
Victoria	768	16,227	1,442	18,437	15,717	170,998	13,679	200,394
Queensland	53,935	15,090	1,405	70,420	220,525	103,512	7,858	331,895
S.Australia(b)	135	7,126	337	7,598	3,865	66,179	3,121	73,165
W.Australia	1,622	4,603	421	6,646	34,404	48,931	5,331	88,666
Tasmania	169	3,416	291	3,876	2,613	32,936	2,092	37,641
<u>TOTAL</u>	58,952	69,730	5,102	133,784	333,419	681,284	40,389	1,055,092

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

### 3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months April, 1947 to April, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

#### II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM APRIL 1947 TO APRIL, 1948.

##### AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947									
April ..	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May ..	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June ..	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July ..	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August ..	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September ..	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October ..	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November ..	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December ..	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948 -									
January ..	8,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February (a) ..	5,927	294	4,000	1,255	520	220	10,447	1,769	12,216
March (a) ..	3,400	291	3,704	1,099	127	206	7,231	1,596	8,827
April (a) ..	1,306	107	3,415	1,008	67	20	4,788	1,135	5,923
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947 -									
April ..	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May ..	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June ..	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July ..	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August ..	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September ..	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October ..	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November ..	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December ..	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948 -									
January ..	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February (a) ..	4,137	193	3,751	1,061	442	38	8,330	1,292	9,622
March (a) ..	2,724	161	3,525	1,004	171	222	6,420	1,387	7,807
April (a) ..	4,420	298	3,498	1,011	134	197	8,052	1,506	9,558
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June ..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 -									
April ..	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May ..	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June ..	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July ..	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August ..	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September ..	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October ..	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November ..	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December ..	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948 -									
January ..	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February (a) ..	5,863	245	7,264	2,502	345	594	13,472	3,341	16,813
March (a) ..	6,539	375	7,443	2,597	301	578	14,283	3,550	17,833
April (a) ..	3,425	184	7,360	2,594	234	401	11,019	3,179	14,198

(a) Subject to revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during April, 1948, and the ten months ended April, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1948  
AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Duration, of Benefits	P E R S O N S							
	April 1948				Ten months ended April 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	359	364	13	736	3,735	4,588	96	8,419
1 and under 2	559	639	19	1,217	5,251	7,747	595	13,593
2 " " 3	549	581	14	1,144	3,528	6,859	413	10,800
3 " " 4	632	589	113	1,334	2,709	6,684	244	9,637
4 " " 5	535	474	36	1,045	2,065	5,053	289	7,407
5 " " 9	1,478	1,068	88	2,634	5,019	11,521	957	17,497
9 " " 13	556	513	22	1,091	2,202	5,145	203	7,550
13 " " 27	590	498	39	1,127	2,753	5,721	260	8,734
27 and over	109	301	18	428	1,982	2,810	149	4,941
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,367	5,027	362	10,756	29,244	56,128	3,206	88,578

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN  
MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION  
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	April, 1948				Ten months ended April, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
27 and over	2.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	6.8	5.0	4.7	5.6
13 " "	13.0	15.9	15.7	14.5	16.2	15.2	12.8	15.4
9 " "	23.4	26.1	21.8	24.6	23.7	24.4	19.1	24.0
5 " "	50.9	47.3	46.1	49.1	40.9	44.9	48.9	43.7
4 " "	60.9	56.8	56.1	58.8	47.9	53.9	58.0	52.1
3 " "	72.7	68.5	87.3	71.2	57.2	65.8	65.6	63.0
2 " "	82.9	80.1	91.2	81.8	69.3	78.0	78.4	75.2
1 " "	93.3	92.8	96.4	93.2	87.2	91.8	97.0	90.5
Less than 1	6.7	7.2	3.6	6.8	12.8	8.2	3.0	9.5



(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948 are shown below:-

V. REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING  
APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	April, 1948				Ten months ended April, 1948			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	2,928	54.56	2,919	58.07	15,627	53.44	30,849	54.96
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,417	28.19	-	-	15,886	28.30
Failure to report (a)	2,098	39.09	124	2.47	10,552	36.08	1,910	3.40
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	56	1.04	45	0.89	871	2.98	701	1.25
Statutory age limit (b)	7	0.13	11	0.22	134	0.46	124	0.22
Permanent incapacity (c)	23	0.43	239	4.75	333	1.14	2,440	4.35
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	4	0.07	22	0.44	42	0.14	1,291	2.30
Death	2	0.04	85	1.69	20	0.07	914	1.63
Transfer to another district	64	1.19	72	1.43	486	1.66	913	1.63
Other	185	3.45	93	1.85	1,179	4.03	1,100	1.96
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29,244</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>56,128</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension.

(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL, 1948.

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 24th April, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 54 per 10,000 comprising 14 unemployment, 38 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH APRIL, 1948  
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	18	39	1	58
Females	per 10,000 females	3	36	6	45
Persons	per 10,000 persons	14	38	2	54

(iii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 24th April, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH APRIL, 1948 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N. S. W. (a)	395	58	2,894	958	44	126	3,333	1,142	4,475
Victoria	66	3	1,705	771	65	107	1,836	881	2,717
Queensland	2,669	110	1,161	344	67	68	3,897	522	4,419
S. Australia	32	2	719	213	13	29	764	244	1,008
W. Australia	239	10	546	221	32	36	817	267	1,084
Tasmania	24	1	335	87	13	35	372	123	495
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>11,019</b>	<b>3,179</b>	<b>14,198</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.



(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 24th April, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII : GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH APRIL, 1948  
AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
16 - 19 years	148	61	583	570	1	24	732	655	1,387
20 - 24 "	346	41	757	578	10	29	1,113	648	1,761
25 - 29 "	385	16	592	313	7	25	984	354	1,338
30 - 34 "	332	16	594	217	9	38	935	271	1,206
35 - 39 "	290	16	669	198	7	42	966	256	1,222
40 - 44 "	291	9	678	195	1	59	970	263	1,233
45 - 49 "	361	14	849	244	3	68	1,213	326	1,539
50 - 54 "	339	7	772	154	2	57	1,113	218	1,331
55 - 59 "	452	4	1,015	125	10	36	1,477	165	1,642
60 years and over	481	-	851	-	184	23	1,516	23	1,539
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,425	184	7,360	2,594	234	401	11,019	3,179	14,198

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL, 1948

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 24th April, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during April 1948		Admitted during 10 months ended April, 1948		On Benefit at 24th April, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	5	1	198	9	28	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	53	7	858	52	114	11
Power rationing ..	48	20	227	75	23	6
Shortage of materials ..	270	27	2,600	185	275	21
Strikes and lock-outs ..	73	12	3,354	165	201	6
Seasonal Work ..	196	2	4,941	54	887	10
Casual Work ..	306	9	3,977	72	521	10
Other including inadequately defined	239	23	4,282	241	640	42
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	209	24	2,642	269	450	47
Other quits, including inadequately defined ..	126	6	1,479	99	148	18
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	26	2	535	5	94	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	11	-	234	4	36	-
Other ..	4	3	48	40	8	9
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1,566	136	25,375	1,270	3,425	184

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1948, and the ten months ended April, 1948, and of those on benefit at 24th April, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during April 1948		Admitted during 10 months ended April, 1948		On Benefit at 24th April, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral & Dairying	227	3	3,687	9	754	3
Other Primary Production ..	27	-	308	-	56	-
Coal Mining ..	28	-	877	-	121	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	26	-	474	-	48	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	106	4	1,146	28	178	4
Vehicles, including aircraft	22	-	496	-	51	-
Textiles and articles of dress	11	16	187	139	27	21
Food, drink and tobacco ..	202	20	4,459	212	495	26
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	107	3	808	17	103	3
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	63	5	883	41	123	5
Building and Construction ..	285	1	3,630	1	517	1
Transport and Communication ..	148	7	3,597	187	245	9
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade ..	136	28	1,822	177	234	34
Finance and property ..	7	-	116	6	22	1
Public Administration and						
Professional ..	71	4	1,423	84	218	15
Personal and Domestic Service ..	81	42	1,108	325	183	54
Other ..	19	3	354	44	50	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,566	136	25,375	1,270	3,425	184

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 24th April, 1948, in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 24TH APRIL, 1948.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S. A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral & Dairying	46	9	681	2	13	3	754
Other Primary Production ..	10	3	40	-	2	1	56
Coal Mining ..	17	-	103	-	-	1	121
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	-	1	40	-	7	-	48
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering, Metalworking including Shipbuilding ..	76	5	74	8	14	1	178
Vehicles, Including Aircraft ..	6	-	38	1	6	-	51
Textiles and Articles of Dress	7	4	10	-	6	-	27
Food, drink and tobacco ..	17	4	455	2	16	1	495
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	6	1	86	-	8	2	103
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	33	6	64	1	18	1	123
Building and Construction ..	49	10	432	5	19	2	517
Transport and Communication ..	17	9	187	3	23	6	245
Commerce and Finance							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	30	7	160	6	31	-	234
Finance and Property ..	3	1	10	1	6	1	22
Public Administration and Professional	25	2	158	3	27	3	218
Personal and Domestic Service ..	41	3	104	-	34	1	183
Other ..	12	1	27	-	9	1	50
<u>TOTAL 24TH APRIL, 1948</u>	395	66	2,669	32	239	24	3,425
<u>TOTAL 26TH APRIL, 1947</u>	1,630	1,659	4,588	118	776	57	8,828

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the ten months ended April, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 24th April, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

**XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES**

State	Claims admitted during ten months ended April, 1948				On Benefit at 24th April, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	805	23	2,132	223	122	8	273	50
Victoria	283	47	587	9	27	3	39	-
Queensland	5,193	240	13,847	656	550	38	2,119	72
South Australia (c)	141	2	71	1	27	2	5	-
Western Australia	1,732	38	417	30	219	7	20	3
Tasmania	138	-	29	1	16	-	8	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>17,083</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>126</b>

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

**7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL 1948**

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1948, and those current at 24th April, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

**XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.**

State	Claims admitted during ten months ended April 1948				On Benefit at 24th April, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (a)	9,554	3,474	6,658	1,368	1,660	686	1,234	272
Victoria ..	6,854	2,665	3,450	900	1,151	592	554	179
Queensland ..	3,272	973	3,570	643	644	223	517	121
South Australia (c)	3,394	878	1,330	213	563	192	156	21
Western Australia	2,369	873	1,555	291	375	172	171	49
Tasmania ..	859	193	1,059	204	155	40	180	47
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26,302</b>	<b>9,056</b>	<b>17,622</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>689</b>

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 24th April, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

**XIV. INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 24TH APRIL, 1948 : AUSTRALIA**

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	429	23	452
Other Primary Production ..	339	2	341
Coal Mining ..	215	1	216
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	141	2	143
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding..	1,046	104	1,150
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	344	20	364
Textiles and articles of dress ..	258	488	746
Food, drink and tobacco ..	463	120	583
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	338	13	351
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	715	150	865
Building and Construction ..	1,001	2	1,003
Transport and Communication ..	690	78	768
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade ..	722	454	1,176
- Finance and property ..	53	37	90
Public Administration and Professional ..	227	433	660
Personal and Domestic Service ..	354	661	1,015
Other ..	25	6	31
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>9,954</b>



(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during April, 1948 and the ten months ended April, 1948, and of those on benefit at 24th April, 1948:-

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING APRIL, 1948 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during April, 1948		Admitted during ten months ended April, 1948		On Benefit at 24th April, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	208	58	2,635	775	327	162
Cancer ..	31	5	318	67	83	20
Other Tumours ..	39	41	396	307	98	68
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	229	62	2,584	840	549	225
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	23	18	172	209	50	51
Nervous System and Sense Organs	327	137	3,805	1,586	731	343
Circulatory System ..	303	51	3,636	549	870	161
Respiratory System ..	405	83	4,937	1,052	661	192
Digestive System ..	950	277	9,933	2,912	1,427	423
Genito-Urinary System ..	171	112	1,842	1,085	326	224
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	78	-	832	-	202
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	255	60	2,633	592	346	86
Bones and Organs of Movement	112	25	1,052	269	215	69
Other Diseases (including ill-defined conditions) ..	50	38	722	347	118	78
Injuries and Acute Poisoning-						
Fractures ..	448	45	4,396	482	1,014	137
Other Injuries, etc. ..	413	60	4,411	510	480	94
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	23	29	285	212	43	49
Other (Including not stated)	14	3	167	49	22	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>43,924</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>2,594</b>

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the ten months ended April, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1948 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	6,096	2,913	24,308	3,254	664	177	31,068	6,344	20.42
Victoria	1,921	995	16,306	2,437	1,654	179	19,881	3,611	18.16
Q'ld.	33,450	13,514	10,119	1,661	672	223	44,241	15,398	34.80
S. A. (b)	368	153	7,240	1,425	177	58	7,785	1,636	21.01
W. A.	3,414	1,197	5,998	910	825	51	10,237	2,158	21.08
Tasmania	227	59	2,631	316	111	30	2,969	405	13.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,476</b>	<b>13,831</b>	<b>66,602</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>116,181</b>	<b>29,552</b>	<b>25.44</b>

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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